

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF MILLIS
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1896.



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TOWN OFFICERS, 1895-96.

SELECTMEN.

W. P. CLARK,

L. LACROIX,

H. E. HOSMER.

TOWN CLERK.

LOUIS LACROIX.

ASSESSORS.

J. M. CRANE,

A. F. LOVELL,

E. N. CLARK.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

THOMAS HARDING, HORATIO JONES, ADIN P. BLAKE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

E. F. RICHARDSON,

TERM EXPIRES 1896.

E. L. RICHARDSON,

TERM EXPIRES 1897.

F. E. COOK,

TERM EXPIRES 1898.

TREASURER.

OSGOOD T. DEAN.

COLLECTOR.

GEORGE C. THRASHER.

CONSTABLE.

J. CLARENCE THORNE.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ALBERT H. WHELOCK,

TERM EXPIRES 1896.

LOUIS LACROIX,

TERM EXPIRES 1897.

JOHN M. CRANE,

TERM EXPIRES 1898.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

O. T. DEAN, '96,

L. LACROIX, '97,

J. S. FOLSOM, '98

AUDITOR.

EDMUND F. LOVELL.

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen.

FENCE VIEWERS.

F. R. CLARK,

J. W. FARWELL,

F. H. DANIELS.

FIRE ENGINEERS AND FOREST FIREWARDS.

GEORGE R. HILL,

J. S. ADAMS,

O. A. CLARK.

SPECIAL POLICE.

J. C. THORNE,

W. H. THORNE,

H. M. CUSHMAN,

F. T. TOUHEY.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

O. T. DEAN.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

J. C. THORNE,

O. T. DEAN.

E. N. CLARK,

J. W. FARWELL.

F. SWARMAN.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

GEORGE C. THRASHER,

L. CLARK.

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.

MOSES C. ADAMS.

THE RECORDS
OF THE
ELEVENTH MUNICIPAL YEAR,
ENDING JANUARY 31, 1896.

FIRST TOWN MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1895.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Osgood T. Dean was elected and qualified as moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a clerk, treasurer, board of selectmen, board of assessors, board of overseers of the poor, collector of taxes, constables, auditor, one school committee for three years, one trustee of public library for three years, one for two years, one for one year, one park commissioner for three years; also to vote "Yes" or "No" to the question, "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" all of above to be on one ballot; also to choose all other town officers.

Whole number of ballots cast: 152 by male voters, 2 by female voters for school committee.

RESULT OF BALLOT.

For Town Clerk:—

Louis LaCroix,	137
O. T. Dean,	1

For Treasurer:—

Osgood T. Dean,	140
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For Collector of Taxes:—

George C. Thrasher,	77
J. Clarence Thorne,	66
H. H. Thorne,	1

For Selectmen:—

Adin P. Blake,	70
Willard P. Clark,	88
Louis LaCroix,	131
Henry E. Hosmer,	82
John H. Ingraham,	63

For Overseers of the Poor:—

Adin P. Blake,	89
Osgood T. Dean,	87
Thomas Harding,	138
Horatio Jones,	104

For Assessors:—

Edmund N. Clark,	131
John M. Crane,	125
Asahel F. Lovell,	139

For Constables:—

J. Clarence Thorne,	132
J. C. Standley,	11
Scattering,	11

For Auditor:—

Edmund F. Lovell,	139
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For School Committee, 3 Years:—

Frank E. Cook,	131
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For Trustee of Public Library, 3 Years:—

John M. Crane,	62
Osgood T. Dean,	44

For 2 Years:—

Louis LaCroix,	127
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For 1 Year:—

Albert H. Wheelock,	134
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For Park Commissioner, 3 Years:—

John S. Folsom,	118
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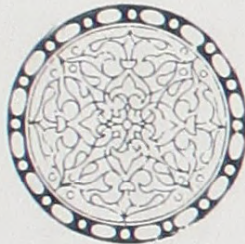
Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town:—

Yes,	27
No,	93

Moderator appointed J. W. Clark, M. C. Adams, F. E. Cook, G. C. Thrasher, F. H. Daniels, H. E. Hosmer as part of committee required by the Town By-laws, Art. I, Sec. I.

Voted to adjourn to March 18, 1895, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

LOUIS LACROIX,
Town Clerk.



ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 18, 1895.

Moderator in the chair.

ARTICLE 3. To hear and act on the reports of the various town officers and committees.

George C. Thrasher, for committee of eleven, offered following resolution, which was accepted by vote of the town:—

Resolved, that the committee recommend that the selectmen be instructed to ascertain whether or not all the new streets in the town are legally laid out and accepted.

Treasurer's report accepted.

Selectmen's report accepted.

Overseers of the poor's report accepted.

Engineers of the fire department's report accepted.

Cemetery committee's report accepted.

Assessors' report accepted.

Collector's report accepted.

Steam heating committee's report accepted.

School committee's report accepted.

Superintendent of schools' report accepted.

Trustees of public library report accepted.

Water commissioners' report accepted.

Auditor's report accepted.

ARTICLE 4. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town expenses for the year ensuing.

Voted to grant \$12,475 for expenses of the town for the ensuing year, appropriated as follows:—

Schools and school incidentals and all school purposes	\$3,000 00
Roads and bridges	900 00
Sidewalks	100 00
Overseers of poor	750 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$4,750 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,750 00
General incidentals	1,200 00
Fire department	500 00
Painting the engine house	75 00
Care and repair of cemetery (See Art. 9)	50 00
Expenses of Memorial Day (See Art. 10)	50 00
Expense and maintenance of public library (See Art. 7)	50 00
Debt and interest	5,500 00
Salary superintendent of schools (See Art. 8)	100 00
Snow bills	200 00
	\$12,475 00
Granted for state and county taxes	1,000 00
	\$13,475 00

Voted: That no money be paid from the highway department to any one who does not pay a poll tax.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, the same to be paid from the taxes of 1895.

Voted to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 6. To see what disposition the town will make of the money refunded by the county on account of dog licenses.

Voted to appropriate the money refunded by the county on account of dog licenses to the use of the public library.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will grant a sum of money for support and maintenance of the public library, also for the transportation of books between the library and Rockville.

Voted to appropriate \$50.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will make provision for the salary of the superintendent of schools.

Voted to appropriate \$100 for salary of superintendent of schools.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will grant a sum of money for care and repair of the cemetery

Voted to appropriate \$50.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will grant a sum of money for the expenses of Memorial Day.

Voted to appropriate \$50 for expenses of Memorial Day.

ARTICLE 11. To hear the report of the water commissioners and act thereon.

Water commissioners reported favoring the bonding of the water debt and establishing a sinking fund to meet the payment of these bonds at the expiration of 30 years.

Voted that the town establish a sinking fund to meet the payment of the water bonds at the expiration of thirty years, not to exceed \$650 per year, and that the commissioners be authorized to draw upon the balance in their hands for the amount for this year.

Commissioners presented following schedule of prices to water takers, which was accepted by the town:—

First and second faucet (for domestic use)	\$8 00
Each additional faucet (when necessitating a greater consumption of water)	2 50
Water closets, each	4 00
Bath tubs	2 00
Private stable, first horse or cow	5 00
Each additional horse or cow	1 00
Lawn hose	5 00
Special rates for five or more horses or cows.	
Special rates to masons for mortar.	

The above price for lawn hose limits its use during the season to one hour per day; size of nozzle shall in no case exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter. It can only be used on the premises of the taker on the street immediately bordering such premises. It must not be used for filling tanks or reservoirs, or for any domestic use whatever.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will grant the sum of \$200 to the Millis cadet band to give a course of outdoor concerts the coming season, as petitioned for by W. D. Rowell and others.

Voted to dismiss the article.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen.

Voted to accept the list of jurors as follows: Jonathan C. Standley, Henry E. Hosmer, Putnam Clark, George N. Lavender, J. Warren Clark, Augustus L. Ware, John M. Crane, Albert J. Babcock, Francis H. Daniels, Frank E. Cook, Asahel F. Lovell, Stanley A. Clark, German S. Hosley.

LOUIS LACROIX,

Town Clerk.

SECOND TOWN MEETING, MARCH 28, 1895.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

Elected Osgood T. Dean as moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To determine whether the town will vote to fix the amount and time of maturity of the "Millis Water Loan," to be made under the Act of 1892 Chapter 246, and the vote of the town passed 15th of December, 1894, and to provide for the payment thereof in gold, and take any other action in relation to the issue of the said loan, or to the form and terms thereof.

On motion of E. F. Richardson voted unanimously: That for the purposes specified in said vote of the town, and in Act of 1892 Chapter 246 Section 10, the board of water commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to issue the negotiable bonds of the town in the aggregate principal sum of \$30,000 bearing on their face the words "Millis Water Loan," dated the first day of December, 1894, payable to the bearer thereof in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness at the State Street Safe Deposit and Trust Company in Boston, on the 1st day of December, 1924, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually at the said bank in like gold coin to the bearer of the interest coupons thereto annexed, upon presentation and surrender, as they severally become due. The said bonds shall be signed by the treasurer of the town and countersigned by the water commissioners, and shall have the seal of the town attached, the coupons bearing the signature of the treasurer of the town either in the original or fac simile, and the said bonds shall be delivered to Messrs. E. H. Gay & Company in accordance with the contract of sale heretofore made with them.

Voted further, that a sinking fund shall be, and it is hereby established to pay the said bonds, and there shall be con-

tributed thereto from year to year an amount raised annually by taxation sufficient with its accumulations to extinguish the said bonds at maturity.

Adjourned.

LOUIS LACROIX,
Town Clerk.



THIRD TOWN MEETING, APRIL 30, 1895.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Elected Osgood T. Dean as moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will discontinue a part of Acorn and Cedar streets, as recommended by the selectmen

The selectmen of Millis hereby report to said town that a part of Acorn street leading from the boundary line between land of W. P. and J. W. Clark and land of Dennis McCarty, northerly to the northerly end of Spencer street, and also a part of Cedar street leading from the town pound easterly to said Acorn street are badly out of repair and cannot be repaired without great expense, and that the public necessity and convenience do not require their further maintenance by said town.

They therefore, after viewing said streets, notice having been given to all abutters to appear and be heard in the matter, and no one appearing to oppose, recommend that said town discontinue forever the use and maintenance of said parts of streets as a public highway, said discontinuance to take effect immediately upon the vote of said town to do so. And they make no award of damages to abutters.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. CLARK,
LOUIS LACROIX,
HENRY E. HOSMER,

Selectmen of Millis.

Millis, April 20, 1895.

The above report was filed with the town clerk April 20, 1895.

LOUIS LACROIX,
Town Clerk.

Voted, To discontinue Acorn and Cedar streets, as recommended by the selectmen.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will accept as town ways Lavender, Adams, Parnell, Daniels, and Irving streets as laid out by the selectmen.

Report to town of laying out of Lavender, Adams, Parnell, Daniels, and Irving streets:—

We, the selectmen of the town of Millis having complied with the requirements of the law in relation to notifying the owners of land over which the above streets pass, have laid out such town ways as follows:—

Beginning at a monument on the easterly side of Exchange street, so called, at land of Wesley W. Whiting, then by said Whiting's land north 71 deg. east (95.12) ninety-five and twelve one hundredths feet to land of Millis Co. or owner, thence by land of said company and others north 74 deg. east (767.5) seven hundred sixty-seven and one-half feet to Plain street, so called, thence across Plain street north 67 deg. 10 min. east (51) fifty-one feet to land of Mary B. Thorne, then continuing the same course through land of said Thorne and land of others (1465) fourteen hundred and sixty-five feet to monument, thence north 60 deg. east (531) five hundred thirty-one feet to monument, thence north 39 deg. 15 min. east (190) one hundred ninety feet to monument, said monument being its intersection with another street to be described after this, the two streets to intersect the highway known as Union street. The above description being the southerly side of said street. The street to be fifty feet wide from a point about eighty-eight and one-half feet from Exchange street to Plain street, and forty feet wide from Plain street to Union street. At Exchange street there shall be two entrances, the southerly entrance about thirty feet wide, and the northerly entrance about twenty-six feet wide, leaving a triangular common not to be used for public travel. The distances to be shown by a plan of this and other streets laid out at this time. Said town way to be known as Lavender street.

The second town way laid out this day is described as follows:—

Beginning at a monument on the southerly side of street just laid out to be known as Lavender street, at land of Harriet P. Millis, then through land of said Harriet P. Millis south three degrees twenty-five minutes west (711) seven hundred and eleven feet to Main street, so called. The above described line to be the westerly side of said street. The width of said town way to be forty feet. Said way to be known as Adams street.

The third town way laid out this day is described as follows:—

Beginning at a monument on the southerly side of Union street, so called, about 318 feet easterly from Adams street just laid out, and running south five degrees west (510) five hundred and ten feet through land of Harriet P. Millis to Main street so called. The above described line to be the westerly side of said street. The width of said town way to be forty feet. Said way to be known as Parnell street.

The fourth town way laid out this day is described as follows:—

Beginning at the junction of the New York and New England railroad so called, with the northerly side of Union street so called, and running north fifteen degrees east (872) eight hundred seventy-two feet through land of Henry M. Daniels and others, to land now or formerly of Helen E. Van Kleeck. This being the easterly side of said street, the street to

be forty feet wide. The westerly side is described as follows: Beginning at a monument on Union street and running north fifteen degrees east (621) six hundred twenty-one feet through land of Henry M. Daniels and others to another street to be laid out this day, thence same course forty-three and one-half feet to monument on northerly side of proposed street, thence same course (180) one hundred eighty feet to land of Helen E. Van Kleeck. Said way to be known as Daniels street.

The fifth town way laid out this day is described as follows:—

Beginning at a monument on Daniels street just laid out, 180 feet south west from land of Helen E. Van Kleeck or owner, and running south eighty-two degrees west (1412) fourteen hundred and twelve feet through land of Millis Co. or owner to Union street, so called. The above to be the northerly line of said street. The width of said town way to be forty feet. Said way to be known as Irving street. The southerly side of said street to be rounded at its junction with Daniels street as shown by plan. The whole of the above laying out to be in conformity to a plan made by H. S. Partridge, dated April 20, 1895. Our agreement with the owners of the land over which said town ways pass is that said owners dedicate the land to the town free for public use, and your selectmen hereby respectfully report said town ways to the town for its acceptance.

Dated at Millis this twenty-second day of April, in the year 1895.

W. P. CLARK,
LOUIS LACROIX,

Selectmen of the Town of Millis.

Voted to accept as public ways Lavender, Adams, Parnell, Daniels and Irving streets as recommended by the selectmen.

ARTICLE 4. To grant money for the expense of laying out said streets and for repairs of same.

Voted to grant sixty dollars for expense of laying out new streets.

Voted to grant one hundred dollars for repair of new streets.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will appropriate money for shingling Ellice schoolhouse, or act on any matter relating thereto.

Voted to appropriate one hundred and twenty-five dollars for expenses of shingling Ellice schoolhouse.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will appropriate money for the use of the hydrants connected with the water department, or act on any matter relating thereto.

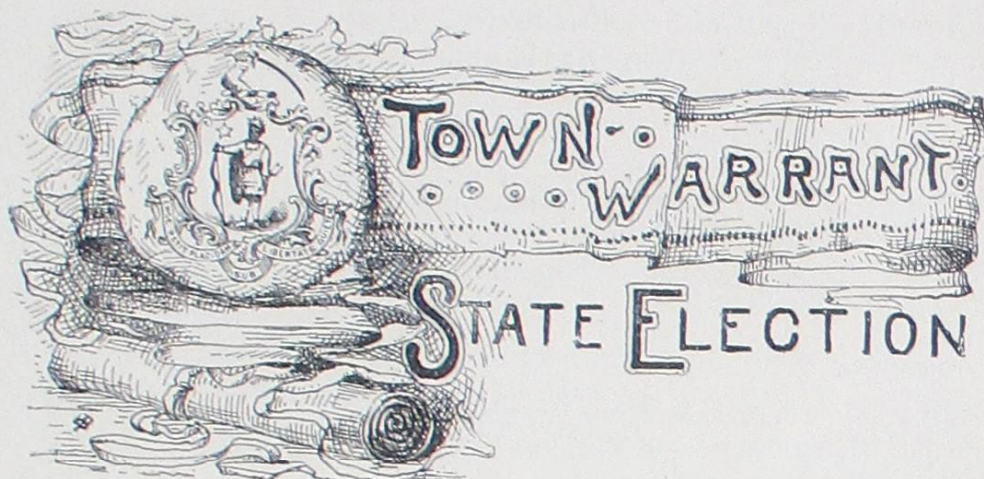
On motion to appropriate \$750, voted Yes 9, No 19.

Voted informally that it is the sense of the meeting that the selectmen purchase bonds for the treasurer and collector.

Adjourned.

LOUIS LACROIX,
Town Clerk.





IN MILLIS, ON TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1895.

To give in their votes for the following officers and question, viz:—

Governor,
 Lieutenant-Governor,
 Secretary,
 Treasurer,
 Auditor,
 Attorney-General,
 Councillor,
 Senator,
 Representative in the General Court,
 District Attorney,
 County Commissioner,
 Two Special Commissioners,
 Sheriff,

Also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: Is it expedient that municipal suffrage be granted to women?

Result of ballot as declared and recorded:—

Governor:—

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton, People's Party,	2
Frederic T. Greenhaige of Lowell, Republican,	75
Edward Kendall of Cambridge, Prohibition,	2
George Fred. Williams of Dedham Democratic,	36
Blanks,	5

Lieutenant-Governor:—

Thomas C. Buddington of Springfield, People's Party,	1
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield, Democratic,	36
Patrick F. O'Neil of Boston, Socialist Labor Party,	1
Edward S. Rogers of Lee, Prohibition,	2
Roger Wolcott of Boston, Republican,	74
Blanks,	6

Secretary:—

Edward J. Flynn, of Boston, Democratic,	37
Charles D. Nash of Whitman, People's Party,	2
William M. Olin of Boston, Republican,	74
Blanks,	7

Treasurer:—

Martin W. Moran of Boston, People's Party,	2
Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg, Prohibition,	1
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport, Republican,	74
Eben S. Stevens of Dudley, Democratic,	37
Charles N. Wentworth of Lynn, Socialist Labor Party,	1
Blanks,	5

Auditor:—

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg, Republican,	73
Andrew H. Paton of Danvers, People's Party,	1
Herman T. Regnell of Attleborough, Prohibition,	1
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston, Democratic,	37
Blanks,	8

Attorney-General:—

Frank M. Forbush of Natick, Prohibition,	2
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn, Democratic,	39
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford, Republican,	69
Conrad Reno of Boston, People's Party,	1
Blanks,	9

Councillor, Second District:—

William N. Eaton of Quincy, Democratic,	38
Benjamin S. Lovell of Weymouth, Republican,	74
Blanks,	8

Senator, Second Norfolk District:—

Clarke P. Harding of Medway, Republican,	75
Charles Warren of Dedham, Democratic,	38
Blanks,	7

Representative in General Court, Ninth Norfolk District:—

Albert Clarke of Wellesley, Republican,	75
John Edmunds of Wellesley, Democratic,	38
Blanks,	7

District Attorney, Southeastern District:—

Robert O. Harris of East Bridgewater, Republican,	86
Blanks,	34

County Commissioner, Norfolk:—

Thomas Blanchard of Stoughton, Republican.	81
Blanks,	39

Special Commissioners, Norfolk:—

Everett J. Eaton of Needham, Republican,	60
Curtis McIntosh of Needham, Republican Citizens' Nom. Paper,	10
Cornelius J. Murphy of Norfolk, Democratic,	37
Lewis R. Whitaker of Franklin, Republican,	60
Blanks,	73

Sheriff, Norfolk:—

Augustus B. Endicott of Dedham, Republican Independent Nom. Paper, Democratic,	60
Abram C. Paul of Stoughton, People's Party, Republican,	50
Blanks,	10

Is it Expedient that Municipal Suffrage be granted to Women?

Yes,	35
No,	63
Blanks,	22
Women's vote, Yes,	6

LOUIS LACROIX,

Town Clerk.

Result of the vote cast November 5, 1895, in Medfield, Needham, Dover, Wellesley and Millis, for one representative to the General Court for the Ninth Norfolk Representative District:—

Total vote of the district, 1306.

	ALBERT CLARKE.	JOHN EDMANDS.	SCATTERING.	BLANKS.
Medfield,	171	61		53
Needham,	309	123	1	46
Dover,	55	28		6
Wellesley,	286	159		19
<i>Carried over,</i>	821	371	1	124

	ALBERT CLARKE.	JOHN EDMANDS.	SCATTERING.	BLANKS.
<i>Brought over,</i>	821	371	1	124
Millis,	75	38		7
	896	409	1	131

STILLMAN J. SPEAR,	Town Clerk of Medfield,
CHARLES C. GREENWOOD,	" Needham,
EBEN HIGGINS,	" Dover,
FRED H. KINGSBURY,	" Wellesley,
LOUIS LACROIX,	" Millis.



FOURTH TOWN MEETING, DECEMBER 23, 1895.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Osgood T. Dean was elected as moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will appropriate an additional sum of money for the expenses of the schools for the present year.

Voted to appropriate \$450, 27 voting "Yes," 9 voting "No."

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for expense of defending suit of H. C. Fisher and wife against the town.

Voted to leave the whole matter in the hands of the selectmen.

Voted to appropriate \$500 for same.

ARTICLE 4. To authorize the treasurer to borrow money for the above purposes, and give notes of the town therefor.

Voted unanimously that the treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the purposes specified in Articles 2 and 3 of this warrant, and give notes of the town therefor.

LOUIS LACROIX,

Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The Public Statutes of Massachusetts read as follows:—

Parents shall give notice to the clerk of their city or town of the births and deaths of their children. Every householder shall give like notice of every birth or death happening in his house; the eldest next of kin shall give such notice of the death of his kindred.

Whoever neglects to give such notice for the space of six months after a birth or death shall forfeit a sum not exceeding five dollars.

Blanks for making above reports may be had at any time by applying to the town clerk.

LOUIS LACROIX,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN MILLIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1896.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
1895.		
Feb. 6	Mabel Emma Sawyer	Lauren E. and Lucy C. (Bullard).
Mar. 1	Ruby Verena Springer	Frank W. and Sarah E. (Finley).
Apr. 2	Sarah Shotz	Adolph and Annie (—).
8	Charles Merrill Cushman	Horace M. and Bertha A. (Cook).
8	Kate Mitchell	Edward and Mary (Griffin).
May 1	May Elizabeth Hill	George R. and Susie (Green).
10	Charles Wesley McDonough	William and Annie (Stafford).
June 18	Nora Agnes Welch	Thos. G. and Margaret (Murphy).
29	Leon Edmund Thompson	Edmund S. and Tena (Joyce).
July 10	Daniel Frazer Farwell	Joseph W. and Annetta (Frazer).
Aug. 12	Stedman Lovell Clark	Putnam and Mary (Lovell).
13	Dorothy Dean	Osgood T. and Mary E. (Libby).
24	William Clarence Arthur Pollard	Henry and Elizabeth (Dower).
Sept. 18	Emma Evans	George and Anna (McDott).
21	John Parrish	Charles and Mary (Condon).
Oct. 20	John Rueyna	Frank and Mtezia (—).
21	— Hatfield	Leander D. and Mary A. (Burton).
22	Helen Marena Olson	John and Charlotte (—).
Nov. 22	Edith May Tingley	George C. and Elizabeth L. (Bullard).
24	Lura Edna Richardson	Elmer L. and Eliza J. (Mixer).
27	Charlotte Kohke	John and Carrie (Sandford).
29	Moses Richardson Lovell	Edmund F. and Hester J. (Richardson).
Dec. 21	Aucillo Merle Brown	Albert A. and Mary E. J. (Trask).
1896.	Mae Bieryl Brown	
Jan. 11	Marion Irving	Edward and Annie (Lebert).

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN MILLIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1896.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	BY WHOM AND WHERE MARRIED.
1895.			
Feb. 20	Edwin B. Bicknell . . .	Millis . . .	Rev. Albert H. Wheelock, Millis.
Apr. 8	Jessie M. Adams . . . Geo. A. Finley . . .	Millis . . . Douglass . . .	Rev. Albert H. Wheelock, Millis.
May 5	Annie Dennis . . . Thomas Keefe . . .	Millis . . . Millis . . .	Rev. Thos. B. Lowney, Medway.
July 3	Maggie Mongavin . . . Thomas D. O'Riley . . .	Medway . . . Medway . . .	Rev. Thos. B. Lowney, Medway.
Sept. 10	Mary A. Crowley . . . Israel H. Downing . . .	Millis . . . Cambridge . . .	Rev. Albert H. Wheelock, Millis.
Sept. 11	Carrie G. Adams . . . William Flanders . . .	Millis . . . Millis . . .	Rev. Albert H. Wheelock, Millis.
Oct. 30	Monica A. Simmons . . . Albert L. Kingsbury . . .	Millis . . . Millis . . .	Rev. P. Webber, Westboro.
Nov. 16	Hattie A. Pratt . . . William M. Fisher . . .	Westboro . . . Millis . . .	Rev. Albert H. Wheelock, Millis.
Dec. 24	Minnie Lowery . . . William T. Proe . . .	Millis . . . Boston . . .	Rev. Albert H. Wheelock, Millis.
Dec. 25	Sarah F. McKensie . . . James W. Warner . . .	Millis . . . Millis . . .	Rev. Benj. R. Harris, Boston.
Dec. 26	Mabel B. Hepburn . . . Gustavus Forbes, jr . . .	Millis . . . Medway . . .	Rev. Albert H. Wheelock, Millis.
1896.			
Jan. 9	Amy C. Jones . . . J. Clarence Thorne . . . Betsey F. Clark . . .	Millis . . . Millis . . . Millis . . .	Rev. Albert H. Wheelock, Millis.

DEATHS RECORDED IN MILLIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1896.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	PLACE OF BURIAL.
1895.		Y. M. D.	
Feb. 1	Moses Richardson . . .	75 6 7	Millis.
11	Willard E. Blake . . .	72	West Medway.
21	Cyrus Daniels . . .	92	Millis.
27	Salome H. Powell . . .	57	10 Millis.
Mar. 6	Jennie A. Darling . . .	35 1 27	Millis.
15	Sarah H. Watson . . .	50	Millis.
23	Hannah P. Williams . . .	74 5 18	Millis.
Apr. 13	Nathaniel Adams . . .	63 7 1	Millis.
13	Lottie L. Sawyer . . .	1 6 25	Millis.
May 13	Frank T. Knights . . .	33 8	Reading.
June 16	Hattie B. Leonard . . .	40 5 4	Forest Hills.
July 30	Abigail D. Holbrook . . .	70 3 9	Millis.
Aug. 31	Mabel E. Sawyer . . .	6 24	Millis.
Oct. 8	Robert F. Thompson . . .	10	Medway.
Nov. 29	Warren D. Coffey . . .	78 1	Wrentham.
Dec. 3	John Roynane . . .	53	Worcester.
9	Catherine Sullivan . . .	85	Medway.
17	George B. Rice . . .	40 3 1	Millis.
19	Patrick Kelly . . .	30	Boston.
23	Annie N. Thompson . . .	36	Medway.

INTERMENTS IN MILLIS, DEATH OCCURRING IN OTHER PLACES.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	PLACE OF DEATH.
1896.		Y. M. D.	
Jan. 23	Matthew Brown . . .	85 1 14	Chelsea.

TREASURER'S REPORT

HEREWITH submit my report of the receipts and expenditures of the town for the year ending Jan. 31, 1896.

OSGOOD T. DEAN, Treasurer.

In account with the TOWN OF MILLIS, MASS.

Dr.

Balance	\$ 1,179 41
J. W. Longstreet & Co., loan	15,949 34
Treasurer of Commonwealth, corporation tax	3 01
Town of Winchester, poor department	6 00
Auctioneer's license	2 00
"	2 00
Louis LaCroix, unclaimed bank balance	7 90
Pedlar's license	3 00
Town of Kingston, poor department	49 35
Millis Savings Bank, loan	720 27
City of Boston, poor department	25 50
Holliston Savings Bank, loan	1,000 00
City of Boston, poor department	6 39
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, school appropriation	187 50
American Loan and Trust Co.	10,000 00
Treasurer of Commonwealth, corporation tax	216 43
" " bank tax	212 05
" " State aid	191 00
" " income school fund	335 35
County treasurer, dog tax	141 90
School committee, sale of books	3 10
George Myers, poor department	5 00

Amount carried forward.

\$30,249.50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$30,249 50
Town of Kingston, poor department	79 91
Cemetery, sale of wood	3 15
R. G. Fairbanks, esq., court fines	180 00
G. C. Thrasher, collector, taxes	15,307 53
Interest on deposit at Am. L. & T. Co.	13 62
Total	<u>\$45,833 71</u>

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N. F. Goldsmith, note and interest	\$1,240 00
J. Warren Clark, note and interest	357 35
State National Bank, note and interest	6,000 00
New England Trust Co., note and interest	6,201 34
Commonwealth of Mass., park loan and interest	1,232 50
Holliston Savings Bank, note and interest	2,044 43
Millis Savings Bank, note and interest	722 79
State National Bank, note and interest	10,000 00
Court expenses	147 00
County tax	813 64
State tax	510 00
School committee's orders	4 191 25
Selectmen's orders	3,042 91
Fire engineers' orders	552 47
Public library	191 90
Overseers of poor, orders	796 98
Water committee, orders	70 00
Cemetery commissioners, orders	47 63
Total	<u>\$38,162 19</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts	\$45,833 71
Total expenditures	<u>38,162 19</u>
	\$7,671 52

LIABILITIES.

Water bonds due December, 1925	\$30,000 00
Park loan note due Nov. 7, 1896	1,000 00
" " Nov. 7, 1897	1,000 00
" " Nov. 7, 1898	<u>1,000 00</u>
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$33,000 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>						\$33,000 00
Park loan note due Nov. 7, 1899	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
" " Nov. 7, 1900	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
N. F. Goldsmith, note due Aug. 8, 1896	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
" " Aug. 8, 1897	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
" " Aug. 8, 1898	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
American Loan and Trust Co., demand loan	.	.	.	.	.	10,000 00
Holliston National Bank, demand loan	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
Deposit in American Loan and Trust Co	.	.	.	.	.	6,249 34
Deposit in Millis Savings Bank	.	.	.	.	.	1,078 13
Cash on hand	.	.	.	.	.	344 05
						\$7,671 52

OSGOOD T. DEAN,
* *Treasurer.*

I have examined the books of the treasurer, found accounts correctly cast, and vouchers for all amounts paid by him.

EDMUND F. LOVELL,
Auditor.



THE board of selectmen organized with W. P. Clark chairman, L. LaCroix clerk, and H. E. Hosmer as superintendent of streets.

We have endeavored to keep within the appropriations of the several departments.

The woodwork of the suspension bridge at Rockville was found to be in an unsafe condition, and has been replaced by new hard pine at an expense of about \$100.

The factory bridge at Rockville will need some new planking next season.

The Main street river bridge will have to be entirely new planked in the spring, and should be done of the very best material, as the amount of travel over this bridge renders spruce planking a waste of time and material.

HIGHWAYS.

The highways are in good condition as a whole. A large portion of the highway work has been done on streets outside the centre that have been neglected in past years.

The special appropriation for new streets was expended on Lavender street, making it much better than formerly.

CAUSEWAY STREET ACCIDENT.

Through an alleged defective highway, the town was sued by H. C. Fisher and wife for \$1000 each for personal damage and damage to carriage. The selectmen employed Henry E. Fales, esq., of Milford, as counsel. The case was in Worcester county superior court. After the testimony was all in, upon request of our counsel the court ruled out both cases so far as personal damages were concerned, on their own testimony. The balance of the case, by advice of our counsel we agreed to a verdict of judgment for neither party, or each party paying their own expenses, our expense being \$250, as shown in financial statement.

SIDEWALKS.

The sidewalks on Exchange street have been covered with ashes from the pumping station and the Steel Edge Co., making a fine surface for travel. Some work has also been done on Plain street; also on Pleasant street in Rockville.

GUIDEBOARDS.

Guideboards are maintained at all points needed for public service. New boards have been ordered where the old ones have been blown or pulled down, and will be placed in position as soon as received.

EXPENDITURES UNDER DIRECTION OF THE SELECTMEN.

HIGHWAYS—ROCKVILLE SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

Paid George McQuesten, hard pine plank	\$74 50	
New England railroad, freight	10 73	
L. LaCroix, labor	3 75	
H. E. Hosmer, labor	4 95	
E. LaCroix, drain pipe near Lavender's mill		\$93 93
		10 80
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		
		\$104 73

Amount brought forward,

\$104 73

NORTH DISTRICT (F. E. COOK, FOREMAN).

Paid J. L. Snow, labor, 3 bills	\$ 7 84
D. Dinneen, labor and team, 3 bills	28 75
D. Dinneen, jr., labor, 2 bills	14 25
J. Spellman, labor, 2 bills	17 58
M. E. Murphy, labor and team, 2 bills	18 75
F. H. Pollock, labor	3 75
J. Peacock, labor	7 50
J. M. Crane, labor	1 00
Phil Cassidy, labor	5 25
J. Clark, labor,	1 50
F. E. Cook, labor, team, and gravel, 4 bills	52 43
E. N. Clark, labor, team, and plank	27 23
Lemuel Clark, labor, team	48 76
J. H. Leland, gravel	2 40
W. S. Mitchell, plank	47
E. LaCroix, drain pipe, 2 bills	8 00
	245 46

CENTRE DISTRICT.

Paid E. E. Burnett, labor	\$16 08
E. LaCroix, drain pipe,	9 18
M. Splain, labor, 2 bills	15 26
George B. Rice, labor and team	6 00
F. H. Pollock, labor	17 76
A. Obst, labor, 2 bills	24 50
H. Burnett, labor	2 25
H. E. Hosmer, labor and team, 3 bills	61 83
E. F. Richardson, labor and team	10 00
C. LaCroix, labor and team	10 00
P. R. Clark, labor, team, and gravel	12 40
J. Nolan, labor	3 75
J. P. Spencer, labor	3 75
J. C. and H. H. Thorne, labor and team	89 75
J. Frink, labor	75
George Morrill, labor	2 30
S. H. Frink, labor	50
W. S. Mitchell, lumber	2 95
F. O. Phillips, culvert strainer	1 00
M. C. Adams, labor and team	5 20
J. H. Shannon, repairs	4 17
	299 38

Amount carried forward,

\$649 57

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New England railroad, freight	10 73	
L. LaCroix, labor	3 75	
H. E. Hosmer, labor	4 95	
		\$93 93
E. LaCroix, drain pipe near Lavender's mill		10 80
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$104 73

Amount brought forward,

\$104 73

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Paid J. L. Snow, labor, 3 bills	\$ 7 84
D. Dinneen, labor and team, 3 bills	28 75
D. Dinneen, jr., labor, 2 bills	14 25
J. Spellman, labor, 2 bills	17 58
M. E. Murphy, labor and team, 2 bills	18 75
F. H. Pollock, labor	3 75
J. Peacock, labor	7 50
J. M. Crane, labor	1 00
Phil Cassidy, labor	5 25
J. Clark, labor,	1 50
F. E. Cook, labor, team, and gravel, 4 bills	52 43
E. N. Clark, labor, team, and plank	27 23
Lemuel Clark, labor, team	48 76
J. H. Leland, gravel	2 40
W. S. Mitchell, plank	47
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M. Splain, labor, 2 bills	15 26
George B. Rice, labor and team	6 00
F. H. Pollock, labor	17 76
A. Obst, labor, 2 bills	24 50
H. Burnett, labor	2 25
H. E. Hosmer, labor and team, 3 bills	61 83
E. F. Richardson, labor and team	10 00
C. LaCroix, labor and team	10 00
P. R. Clark, labor, team, and gravel	12 40
J. Nolan, labor	3 75
J. P. Spencer, labor	3 75
J. C. and H. H. Thorne, labor and team	89 75
J. Frink, labor	75
George Morrill, labor	2 30
S. H. Frink, labor	50
W. S. Mitchell, lumber	2 95
F. O. Phillips, culvert strainer	1 00
M. C. Adams, labor and team	5 20
J. H. Shannon, repairs	4 17
	299 38

Amount carried forward,

\$649 57

Amount brought forward,

\$649 57

SOUTH DISTRICT.

Paid J. C. Standley, labor and team	\$18 50	
E. Ryan, labor	10 50	
F. H. Daniels team	16 00	
D. McCarty, labor	15 00	
H. Wiggin, labor	21 20	
J. Smith, labor	8 07	
J. D. Hutchinson, labor	7 67	
E. L. Richardson, labor and team	70 51	
M. Maguire, labor	1 50	
D. McCarty, jr., labor	3 00	
W. P. Clark, labor	9 25	
Mrs. E. H. Ferrer, gravel	6 70	
W. S. Mitchell, lumber	5 20	
O. F. Metcalf, lumber	11 92	
E. T. Rogers, repairs	1 45	
Town of Norfolk, painting one-half bridge	4 00	
		<u>210 49</u>
Total expended for highways		\$861 54

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation		\$100 00
Paid J. C. and H. H. Thorne	\$14 40	
G. N. Lavender	8 12	
S. H. Frink	67	
H. E. Hosmer	7 14	
E. F. Richardson	5 34	
J. Frink	40	
E. Ryan	1 50	
E. L. Richardson	9 95	
D. McCarty	3 00	
F. H. Daniels	4 00	
E. LaCroix, drain pipe	1 40	
		<u>55 93</u>
Balance unexpended		\$44 07

LAYING OUT NEW STREETS.

Appropriated		\$60 00
Paid H. S. Partridge, civil engineer	\$18 00	
Milford Pink Granite Co., 27 markers	10 80	
		<u>\$28 80</u>
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$28 80	\$60 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$28 80	\$60 00
H. E. Hosmer, assisting engineer and labor	9 62	
J. C. and H. H. Thorne, team	4 00	
George Morrill, labor	3 75	
George L. Myer, signs	1 00	
		47 17
Balance unexpended		\$12 83

REPAIR OF NEW STREETS.

Lavender Street.

Appropriated		\$100 00
Paid G. S. Hosley, labor	\$12 00	
D. West, "	4 17	
A. Obst, "	4 50	
M. Splain, "	7 50	
L. E. Sawyer, "	1 50	
J. D. Hutchinson, "	2 25	
S. A. Clark, "	18 00	
George Morrill, "	8 00	
H. E. Hosmer, "	12 63	
Estate of H. P. Millis, gravel	3 45	
J. C. and H. H. Thorne, labor	26 00	
		\$100 00

SNOW BILLS.

Appropriated		\$200 00
Paid George C. Thrasher, bill 1894	\$ 1 50	
E. L. Richardson	2 50	
D. McCarty & Son	1 75	
H. Wiggin	2 50	
Mr. Fiske	1 25	
A. W. Blair	3 00	
E. Maguire	3 00	
J. W. Farwell, men and teams	32 89	
F. Kelsie	3 30	
D. Dinneen	2 10	
M. E. Murphy	2 93	
E. N. Clark	2 82	
J. L. Snow	2 08	
E. Ryan	83	
C. LaCroix	2 25	
		\$64 70
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>		\$200 00

Amounts brought forward,

	\$64 70	\$200 00
H. M. Cushman	2 25	
J. McDonough	4 65	
T. McMahan	1 50	
T. Maloy	3 75	
H. E. Hosmer	1 50	
F. Springer	1 50	
G. Morrill	45	
J. C. Thorne, men and teams	30 50	
		110 80
Unexpended balance		\$89 20

STATE AID.

Paid to E. T. Dean	\$12 00	
S. L. Fisher	48 00	
L. A. Foster	48 00	
G. Penniman	72 00	
E. M. Bullen	66 00	
S. A. Bullen	44 00	
Geo. E. Mason	40 00	
		\$330 00

MILITARY AID.

Town of Medway, account J. Stratton	\$24 00	
Patrick Higgins	8 00	
		32 00
		\$362 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriated		\$ 50 00
Paid G. R. Hill for committee	\$50 00	

INCIDENTAL EXPENSE.

Appropriated		\$1,200 00
Paid J. C. Thorne, constable and police for 1894	\$ 50 00	
E. F. Lovell, auditor, 1894	25 00	
S. J. Spear, printing	12 50	
M. J. Kiley, printing	5 77	
C. G. Brackett, envelopes, stationery, printing, etc.	27 75	
G. M. Billings, printing 1894 reports	139 20	
		\$260 22
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>		\$1,200 00

Amounts brought forward,

	\$260 42	\$1,200 00
G. M. Billings, printing check lists	7 50	
New England Railroad, coal	25 90	
Millis Water Dept., water for public troughs	20 00	
Lemuel Clark, damage to sleigh	3 70	
S. H. Frink, care of town office	13 00	
S. R. Redding & Co., tree protectors	12 25	
H. E. Hosmer, putting up tree protectors	87	
J. C. Thorne, special night police	10 00	
H. M. Cushman, special night police	7 00	
J. W. Farwell, water trough	10 00	
L. Hawes, civil engineer, account Com. on water	7 00	
W. W. Whiting, desks	1 50	
C. F. Hamlin, M. D., medical services	12 00	
W. H. Thorne, police supplies	3 00	
J. C. Thorne, lockup supplies	25	
Millis water works, water for lockup 1894	10 00	
J. M. Crane, assessor and expenses	82 00	
A. F. Lovell, assessor	45 00	
E. N. Clark, assessor	45 00	
Louis La Croix, selectman and town clerk	75 00	
H. E. Hosmer, selectman	50 00	
W. P. Clark, selectman, and expense	54 00	
L. LaCroix, town clerk, recording and indexing births, marriages and deaths	17 30	
L. LaCroix, paid physicians and undertakers	10 75	
Express, postage and office expense	8 85	
H. T. Richardson, legal services, 2 bills	8 00	
Ballot clerks, 1895	8 00	
J. C. Thorne, special police assistance	21 75	
W. H. Thorne, special police, 1895	10 50	
J. C. Thorne, constable and police to Jan. 31, 1896	50 00	
O. T. Dean, treasurer	100 00	
O. T. Dean, moderator	5 00	
O. T. Dean, sealer of weights and measures	2 50	
O. T. Dean, office expenses	33 24	
Grange Hall Association, use of hall, 1895	50 00	
Thomas Harding, overseer of poor	35 00	
A. P. Blake, overseer of poor	25 00	
H. Jones, overseer of poor	20 00	

Total of bills approved, 1895 \$1,161 08

Amount carried forward,

\$1,161 08

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,161 08
Bills approved 1894, paid 1895 :—	
Grange Hall Association, rent of Hall, 1894	33 80
George C. Thrasher	10 59
	\$1,205 47

FISHER VS. TOWN OF MILLIS.—DEFENCE.

Appropriated	\$500 00
Paid H. E. Fales, counsel	\$150 00
Witnesses and travel	94 50
Expenses	5 50
	\$250 00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD P. CLARK,

LOUIS LACROIX,

HENRY E. HOSMER,

Selectmen of Millis.

LIST OF JURORS.

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE TOWN FOR ACCEPTANCE,
MARCH 2, 1896.

JONATHAN C. STANDLEY, farmer, STANLEY A. CLARK, farmer,
ALBERT J. BABCOCK, painter, FRANK E. COOK, farmer,
GEO. N. LAVENDER, grain dealer, ASHAEL F. LOVELL, farmer,
CHAS. G. BRACKETT, bookkeeper, JAMES H. HAINES, retired,
LEMUEL CLARK, farmer, CHARLES F. HOOD, mechanic,
GEO. F. HOLBROOK, mechanic, OSGOOD T. DEAN, insurance,
HERBERT H. THORNE, express.

W. P. CLARK,
H. E. HOSMER,
L. LACROIX,

Selectmen of Millis.

Millis, February 1, 1896



THE following report is respectfully presented for the year ending Jan. 31, 1896:—

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated by the town	\$750 00
Town of Winchester, on account J. J. Maloney	6 00
Town of Kingston, on account Mrs. Drew	129 26
George Myers, on account	5 00
City of Boston	6 39
Total receipts	\$836 65
Total expenditures	860 58
Unexpended balance	\$36 07

EXPENDITURES.

The board has approved the following bills:—

MRS. RUTH C. HARDING.

Millis Bargain store, groceries	\$22 75
George Myers, rent	6 00
Dr. C. F. Hamlin	10 00
Amount carried forward,	\$38 75

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$38 75	
Etta Wiggin, care	3 00	
John McDonough, milk	95	
George Rice, moving furniture	50	
Mrs. Elvira Bullard, board from September to February 1	82 56	
		\$125 76

MRS. P. BOYDEN.

G. C. Thrasher, 1 cord wood	\$6 50
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JAMES R. THOMPSON.

Hazelton & Fisher, groceries	\$78 85	
Dr. H. P. Hooper, 13 visits	13 00	
E. Bullard, meat	18 46	
G. C. Tingley, milk	10 27	
E. F. Richardson, milk	1 50	
J. C. Thorne, coal	6 50	
G. C. Thrasher, wood	4 50	
Mrs. Maloy, labor, self and daughter	7 00	
Mrs. Crowley, ...	16 71	
Mrs. Thompson	32 85	
Dr. C. F. Hamlin	56 00	
T. F. Kennedy, burial	12 50	
G. N. Lavender, agent, rent	7 50	
		265 64

MARY A. SHUMWAY.

Mrs. Henry Crusar, board 1 year	\$156 36	
Mrs. Henry Crusar, clothing	2 90	
		159 26

MRS. PATRICK SAVAGE.

William J. Ford, for board	\$12 00	
William J. Ford, medical attendance	8 00	
		20 00

MRS. SEVIA M. LINCOLN.

Town of Prescott, board	\$ 5 00	
" " extra care	10 00	
" " medical attendance	6 25	
" " burial expense	26 00	
		47 25

Amount carried forward, \$617 91

Amount brought forward,

\$617 91

JOSEPH GORDON.

F. Swarman, groceries	\$3 39	
E. Ryan, sawing and splitting wood	3 00	
	<u> </u>	6 39

JOHN J. MALONEY.

T. Harding, board and care, 6 days		6 00
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INCIDENTALS.

A. P. Blake, expense to Boston	\$1 30	
T. Harding, glass and glazing in lockup	75	
T. Harding, team and car fare	1 81	
	<u> </u>	3 86

SUSAN HALL.

George Morley, board 1 month		8 00
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MRS. ROBERT DREW.

S. H. Frink, board and medicine		135 32
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TRAMP HOUSE.

G. C. Thrasher, wood	\$13 00	
T. Harding, care of tramps	63 60	
	<u> </u>	76 60

Total		\$860 58
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CREDITS.

Due from town of Kingston	\$11 07	
Due from city of Newton	8 00	
Due from George Myers	5 00	
	<u> </u>	\$24 07

One bill of \$63.60 was approved by the board, but has not been presented to the treasurer for payment.

THOMAS HARDING,

HORATIO JONES,

ADIN P. BLAKE,

Overseers of the Poor.

ENGINEERS' REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending Jan. 31, 1896.

THE board of engineers and forest fire wards of the Millis fire department organized May 1, 1895, with George R. Hill chief and J. S. Adams clerk.

Owing to declination of Oliver A. Clark, Fred Swarman was appointed to fill the vacancy.

We would report the fire apparatus in good condition, and would recommend an appropriation of \$500 for general expenses for ensuing year.

FIRES DURING YEAR.

- April 5, '95.—Grass on land of E. L. Holbrook.
- May 4.—Woodland of J. H. Leland.
- May 6.—Woodland of J. H. Leland.
- May 7.—Woodland of J. W. Daniels.
- May 10.—Barn of Mrs. C. B. Russ.
- May 31.—House of Lawrence McDonough.
- June 8.—Woodland on Sherman Park.
- June 15.—Woodland of P. R. Clark.
- Jan. 4, '96.—Grass on land of J. H. Thorne, E. L. Holbrook, M. A. Ware, and John Shea.

LIST OF BILLS PAID BY TOWN TREASURER AS PER VOUCHERS.

J. Clarence Thorne, coal	\$ 6 50
Mrs. Rhoda Waite, rent	28 00
Niagara Engine Co., salaries	35 50
Edward LaCroix, labor	7 55
Napoleon Briere, labor, ...	50
Marston's express, supplies	4 65
Wesley W. Whiting, repairs	1 35
Harry Snow, labor	2 00
Daniel Dinneen, labor	1 75
Louis Demery, labor	2 25
Hazleton & Fisher, supplies	9 66
Edward Stafford, labor	1 50
Andrew Stafford, labor	1 25
C. H. Hood, labor	1 00
Harry Goss, labor	4 50
Edward Tebo, labor	1 00
W. P. Frink, steward	12 00
L. Sawyer, steward	11 50
W. D. Rowell, labor	3 00
Fred Wildes, labor	1 00
George R. Hill, express	25
Millis Wood, Ice, and Brick Co., labor	6 08
Frank Campbell, supplies	9 51
Millis Bargain store, supplies	5 00
Frank Campbell, supplies	1 00
E. N. Clark, labor	2 50
Water department, supplies	9 00
Niagara Engine Co., salaries	106 25
E. F. Lovell, labor	1 50
J. S. Folsom, supplies	2 50
Rockville Engine Co., salaries	17 00
J. C. Thorne, drawing engine	32 00
Engineers' salaries, 1894	25 00
Engineers salaries, 1895 (6 months)	12 00
G. R. Hill, drawing hose carriage	4 00
J. S. Folsom, supplies	55
C. G. Brackett, printing	2 00
Fred Swarman, painting Rockville engine	10 50
Callahan & Co., supplies	12 00
W. P. Frink, steward	14 25
J. S. Folsom, supplies	70
Hazleton & Fisher, supplies	5 73

Amount carried forward

\$415 78

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$415 78
F. C. Holland and others, labor	7 25
C. L. Hazelton and others, labor	12 25
W. H. Thorne, labor	2 50
O. T. Dean, insurance	16 50
John Lyons, supplies	3 00
Rockville Engine Co., salaries	24 00
E. T. Rogers, repairs	1 00
O. A. Clark, salary, 1894	10 00
A. L. Ware, labor	50
Total	\$492 78
Grant	\$500 00
Expended	492 78
Unexpended balance	\$7 22

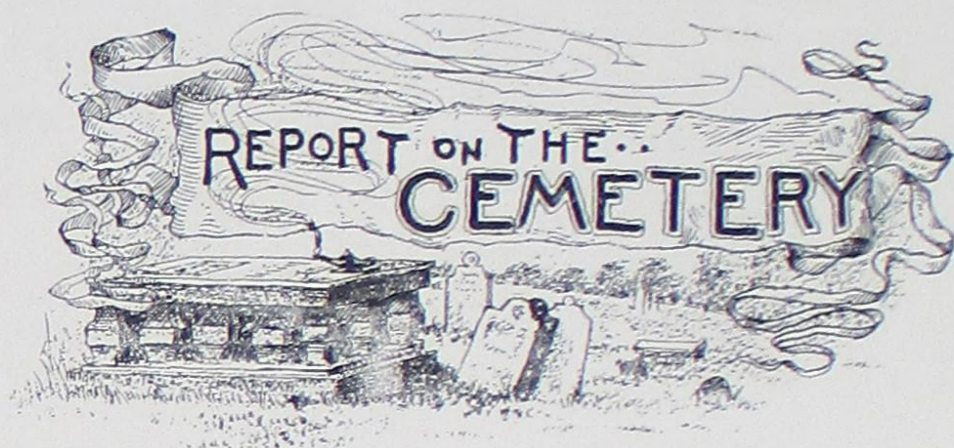
PAINTING ENGINE HOUSE.

Grant	\$75 00
Lowell Babcock, stock	\$26 69
Albert Babcock, labor	16 50
E. F. Lovell, labor	16 50
	59 69
Unexpended balance	\$15 31

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. ADAMS,

Clerk of Engineers of Millis, Mass.



YOUR commissioners have followed the same general course in the care of the grounds as has been done in previous years.

We think it would be a good plan to have the driveway and walks named, so that in selling or describing a lot, it would be easy to locate the same.

Mr. H. R. Richardson has had town water put in as far as his lot, at his expense.

The driveway near the circle has been raised to a proper grade, at private expense.

There has been wood sold to the amount of \$3.15, and the same paid to town treasurer.

Two burial lots sold, amount \$15, and same is due the town from the purchasers.

There has been paid for labor as follows:—

H. E. Hosmer, 2 bills, labor	\$20 90
G. Hunt	4 91
George Morrell, labor, 2 bills	9 75
Wm. Knight	1 50
H. E. Hosmer, labor and team	5 62
S. H. Frink, labor	3 45
M. Splain, labor	1 50
	\$47 63

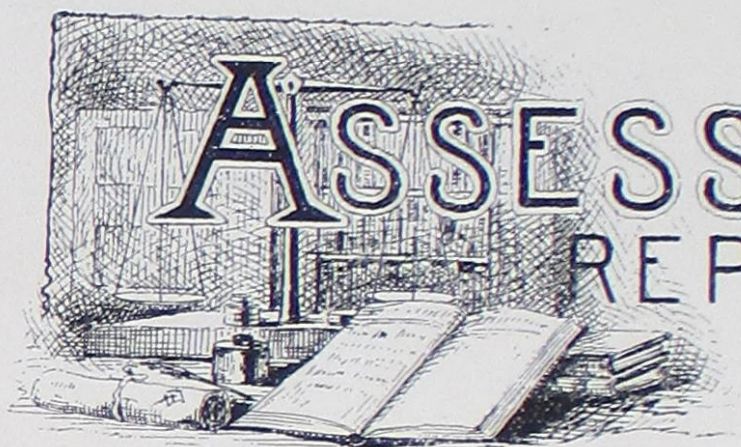
Grant	\$50 00
Expenditures	47 63
Balance	<u>\$2 37</u>

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. HOSMER,

For the Commissioners.





ASSESSORS' REPORT

THE assessors have to report a year of more than usual work, there being a duplicate book to fill out for the State House, and the anomalous condition of a portion of the property in town having raised quite a number of questions somewhat doubtful as to their ultimate outcome. Only one of these remains in question, and the board has been advised by some of the best authorities in the state to collect the tax and test the question, but as it is probably a tax levied only for one year, the board, in view of the condition of matters, thought best not to try the case, but to leave the matter at least till the town could consider it for itself.

There have been no abatements turned in by the collector for three years now, a matter which it seems to us must necessarily create a deficiency in the treasury, which with the necessarily large sum needed for debt and interest, together with the grants for the running expenses, will make a large call on the town for the ensuing year.

In view of the facility with which money seems to be provided for all calls on the Legislature and on the county (our county tax being over eight hundred dollars (\$800) this year as against two hundred (\$200) a short time since), and also in view of the large expenditures by the many commissioners

created and who seem to be responsible to no one for anything (see statement of the attorney-general for the state), and when we look back for a few years and compare our tax bills with those of our forefathers and find they have increased about seventeen hundred per cent, it may be wise for us to consider carefully the question of grants at the ensuing town meeting.

One of our ablest writers on financial subjects, and the one who did more than any other living man to carry us through the money difficulties of 1860-1865, has recently given it as his opinion that taxation in civilized countries has reached its limit. It seems to be the general opinion and it certainly is that of the present board that our valuation is altogether too high, yet you all are aware that the money voted must be raised, and that a reduction of the valuation is only raising the rate. We will only add that we have endeavored to the best of our ability to divide the appropriation as evenly and as fairly as we could. We will also say that one of our number attended the annual meeting of the state board of assessors, and we recommend that in the future, by a vote of the town, it should be made the duty of at least one of the board to be present at all future meetings of the state board.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. CRANE,
ASAHEL F. LOVELL,
EDMUND N. CLARK,

Assessors.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT. 1895-96.

DR.

To balance, warrant, 1893	\$ 463 15	
Balance, warrant, 1894	4,394 44	
Warrant, 1895	14,083 64	
Interest collected	69 67	
		\$19,010 90

CR.

By amount paid treasurer	\$15,307 53	
Abatements, 1893	266 22	
Balance	3,437 15	
		\$19,010 90

In considering the above report the citizens of the town of Millis are requested to bear in mind the fact that there are several sums to be deducted from the above amount of taxes that are represented as unpaid, viz: There are the abatements for 1894 and 1895, also the collector has received no compensation for collecting taxes since 1892, and there is also money in the hands of the treasurer and collector, which has been collected and paid over since January 1, which will reduce the actual amount of uncollected taxes to about \$1600.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. THRASHER,
Collector.

Millis, Feb. 5, 1896.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of the Town of Millis :—

IN presenting our annual report to the Town of Millis, we regret that we were unable to maintain the schools for the school year of 36 weeks without calling for an additional appropriation. Strict economy was practised, and we invite the closest inspection of the finances in order that superfluous expenditure, if there be any in the school department, may be done away with in the future.

The Grange Hall has been hired for another year for the sum of \$125, which is \$25 less than last year, and the tuition to the Medway High School has been paid to Jan. 1, 1896.

William H. Thorne and John H. Ingraham were appointed truant officers for the past year, and their services have been required but a few times.

TEACHERS.

The town has been fortunate in retaining the services of the same teachers, with one exception, that were employed the previous year.

Miss S. O. Newhouse, one of our brightest and best teachers, resigned in March, and Miss Nora M. Cragin, a graduate of the Salem Normal School, was elected in her place. Miss Cragin showed marked ability in her work, but was called to a better position in Everett at the close of the fall term.

Miss A. M. G. Newman, a teacher of some experience, was elected to fill the vacancy, and thus far has exhibited qualities which indicate the successful teacher.

Miss Mills still continues her good work in the Ellice school.

Miss I. L. Fox, who has been a faithful teacher in our schools for three and one-half years, resigned the last day of January, and Miss Blanche Trufant was elected in her place.

The committee congratulate themselves in securing the services of Mr. D. Henry Whipple as principal of Adams grammar school for another year, and the exceptionally high grade of the school is more noticeable as the length of his term of service increases.

In Miss Trufant he has had an able and efficient assistant, and it was with much regret on the part of your committee that it was deemed expedient to discontinue the assistant's position.

We wish to especially call the attention of the citizens to the high average percentage of attendance in the schools, and particularly to that of the grammar school. This speaks well for the faithful work of the teachers, and shows a co-operation of pupils and parents.

At the commencement of the fall term the pupils in Daniell school were so few in numbers that it was thought best to close the school and transport the scholars to the centre schools, thus giving the children the advantages of better graded schools, and making a financial saving to the town of four dollars (\$4) per week. The cost of maintaining Daniell school averaged about nine dollars (\$9) per week, and the town is now paying five dollars (\$5) per week for transportation of its scholars.

Closing the outlying schools and bringing the children to the centre schools is not a new method by any means, it having been adopted by many towns throughout the state, and always results in better educational advantages for the children.

Last June, for the first time, diplomas were given to the graduating class of Adams grammar school, and the closing exercises were made more public than formerly by holding them in the Grange Hall. This was accomplished at slight cost, and the town should consider itself more than repaid by the added zest with which the pupils did their school work.

With some it was the cause of their remaining in the school and completing the year's work in order to graduate with the class.

The majority of the children complete their education at this point, and therefore any step which will advance the standard of the grammar school is a benefit to all.

CONDITION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The Adams and Ellice school buildings are much in need of a coat of paint, and new school desks and chairs are needed for the interior of Ellice school. The furniture now in use is in a poor condition; is ungainly and inconvenient, and has served the town for a long time.

The above repairs should receive immediate attention, and your committee would recommend a special appropriation for that purpose.

The steam heating in Adams school is giving good satisfaction and is certainly a great improvement over the old method of heating with stoves. It gives an even heat, thoroughly warming every nook and corner of the rooms, and no doubt saves many colds and illnesses which might be contracted by the children under the old system of heating.

SUPERINTENDENCY OF SCHOOLS.

Ninety-three per cent of the school children in this state are now under the care of skilled supervisors. This town has had the benefit of five years of such supervision, and the schools of today are better than ever before.

The net cost to the town for a superintendent of schools is but seventy-five dollars (\$75) per year, and we believe that the sum just mentioned could not be better invested, and trust that the town will continue the employment of a superintendent of schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOLS.

Annual grant	\$3 000 00	
Annual grant for superintendent	100 00	
Amount from state school fund	335 35	
Amount from state towards superintendent's salary	187 50	
Amount from sale of books and supplies	3 10	
Appropriated by town Dec., 1895	450 00	
Total		\$4,075 95

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid town of Medway for high school tuition for spring, fall and winter terms 1894 and 1895, 541 weeks at 50c	\$270 50	
Spring and fall terms 1895, 320 weeks at 75c	240 00	
		\$510 50
Paid for teaching the Adams grammar school:—		
D. Henry Whipple	\$597 00	
Miss Blanche W. Trufant	241 60	
Mrs. Alice Woodman	8 00	
		\$846 60
Paid for teaching the Adams intermediate school:—		
Miss I. L. Fox		\$352 00
Paid for teaching Grange Hall primary school:—		
Miss Susie O. Newhouse	\$ 32 00	
Miss Nora M. Cragin	246 00	
Miss A. M. G. Newman	32 00	
		\$310 00
Paid for teaching the Ellice school:—		
Miss I. R. Mills		\$362 00
Paid for teaching the Daniell school:—		
Miss Bessie F. Clark		\$162 40
Paid for transportation:—		
N. Y. & N. E. railroad, high school tickets	\$101 34	
W. H. Thorne, high school	120 60	
Ralph Watson, winter term, 1895	6 00	
Klary Schwartz, " 1895	6 00	
Fred Bulhard, " 1895	6 00	
G. P. Simmons, grammar school:—		
Winter term, 1895	15 00	
W. H. Thorne, Daniell school	56 00	
		\$310 94

Paid for care of schoolhouses:—

Samuel H. Frink, Adams and Grange Hall	\$162 00
Charles P. Dinneen, Daniell	19 50
Mrs. T. H. Cassidy, “	3 75
John D. Hutchinson, Ellice	12 00
Sawyer, “	7 50
Miss I. R. Mills, “	16 25
	\$221 00

Paid for fuel:—

J. C. Thorne, coal	\$149 00
F. E. Cook, 3 cords wood	15 00
Fred Kelsey, cutting and housing	5 00
Jacob Smith, wood	2 50
E. F. Richardson, wood	3 50
Total	\$175 00

Paid for books and supplies:—

J. L. Hammett	\$109 11
American Book Co.	16 44
Electric bell	2 50
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	3 57
Ginn & Co.	21 33
D. C. Heath & Co.	2 50
G. M. Billings	6 50
C. G. Brackett	2 85
Total	\$164 80

Paid for incidentals:—

E. LaCroix, labor and stock	\$35 73
E. F. Lovell, labor and posts	4 25
H. E. Hosmer, labor,	3 42
Millis Water Co., Oct. 1, '94, to Jan. 1, '95	2 50
Town water	7 50
W. S. Mitchel, labor and stock	9 06
Timothy Worth, labor and stock	23 00
Harry Goss, labor	50
Mrs. Chadbourn, labor	1 25
H. H. Thorne, express	9 13
Town of Holliston, 3-20 of stationery for Supt.	94
Mrs. Frank Phillips, cleaning	10 00
S. H. Frink, cleaning	7 00

Amount carried forward,

\$114 28

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$114 28
Mrs. D. McCarty, cleaning	3 25
Mrs. James Spellman, cleaning	3 00
Millis Bargain store	3 00
F. E. Cook, labor	3 00
Caleb Williams, labor	1 00
G. R. Hill, labor	8 70
W. P. Clark, insurance, Ellice building	13 50
Grange Hall association, rent	150 00
E. F. Richardson, labor and expense	6 50
E. L. Richardson, labor and expense	2 65
W. H. Thorne, truant officer	4 25
Total	\$313 13

Paid for salaries :—

F. C. Tenney, superintendent	\$262 50
E. F. Richardson, book agent	15 00
F. E. Cook, secretary	6 00
E. F. Richardson	20 00
E. L. Richardson	20 00
F. E. Cook	20 00
Total	\$343 50

SUMMARY.

Amount expended for teaching	\$2,033 00
“ “ high school tuition	510 50
“ “ transportation	310 94
“ “ fuel	175 00
“ “ care of houses	221 00
“ “ books and supplies	164 80
“ “ incidentals	313 13
“ “ salaries	343 50
Total	\$4,071 87
Total avails	\$4,075 95
Total expenses	4,071 87
Unexpended balance	\$4 08

There is an unexpended balance of \$4.08, and in closing your committee would recommend an appropriation of \$3250, as it is our opinion this is the least sum for which the schools can be maintained during the ensuing year.

The school committee having been chosen by the town to take charge of the shingling of Ellice school with a special appropriation of \$125, report the following payments:—

Appropriation	\$125 00
Expended:—	
Metcalf Lumber Co.	\$77 77
W. W. Whiting	12 33
H. E. Hosmer	8 75
E. L. Richardson	6 45
Morrill	8 25
C. S. Williams	5 83
	\$119 38
Unexpended	\$5 62

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. RICHARDSON, Chairman,

FRANK E. COOK, Secretary,

E. L. RICHARDSON,

School Committee.

Millis, Feb. 1, 1896.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Millis:—

GENTLEMEN:—

I HAVE the honor to submit to you my fifth annual report as superintendent of schools.

The work of these schools as a whole has been, I believe, more systematic, thorough, and comprehensive, during the past twelve months, than in any other year of my connection with the school system. It has been characterized by an intelligent conception on the part of the teachers of the studies they have been required to teach, by an improvement in methods of instruction, and by increased sympathy and friendliness between teachers and pupils.

To secure the best results the teacher must come to his desk each day with a clear conception of the work to be accomplished that day, and how best to accomplish it. He must have in him that spirit and quality that will awaken the interest and compel the attention of his pupils. And, in addition to this, he must have so stimulated and cultivated that love of approbation which exists in every child, that the child will uniformly strive to do his best; not from fear of reproof or punishment, but from a natural desire to please the person whom all honor and esteem. And so the teacher who really teaches—not keeps—school, who aids his pupils to develop and strengthen the marvelous powers of their minds, instead of permitting them, like parrots, to commit to memory lines and pages of meaningless words; who brings to his daily work with every class, not only a general knowledge of his subject, but a careful preparation for each specific recitation; who knows that children should be led, instead of being driven; who lives up to that knowledge, and strives to make himself,

in the true sense, a leader, will find little difficulty in securing earnest study, accurate effort, and hearty co-operation from his pupils.

More than ever before has this spirit been present, and have these conditions been fulfilled. It is but simple justice to the teachers of Millis to say, that, as a class, they have proved themselves able, faithful, and enthusiastic, deserving of heartier endorsement and warmer personal encouragement from parents and citizens in general than they have ever received. A glance at the list of those called from Millis to more extensive and far more remunerative fields of labor within the last five years will convince any disinterested person of the truth of this statement.

People in general seem, in some particulars, incredibly careless and heedless in respect to the education of the young. Having enrolled their children at the earliest possible age in the primary school—deposited them, as it were, in the hopper of the educational mill, with the comfortable assumption that they will in due time be ground out in the form of finished product—they calmly wash their hands of all responsibility in the matter, and serenely await the, to them, inevitable result.

This is not a kind of procedure which will ensure the child's graduation, either with or without honor, or his gathering from his course the many benefits which it extends to him. It would be far better for all concerned if parents would find, or make, time to visit the schools frequently. The pupil is inspired by such visits, the teacher is encouraged by them, and the parent himself, enlightened by direct observation respecting methods, plans, and difficulties, is enabled so to aid both teacher and pupil, by the display of sympathy, home interest, and common sense, that marvelous improvement follows.

What business man would, for an instant, dream of building and fitting with all modern improvements an extensive factory, placing therein the most costly machinery, employing the most skilful workmen, using the most valuable materials, and then be content, while passing the factory daily, never to in-

spect its machinery, its artisans, its product,—in short, never to enter its doors? And yet, what else is the average citizen doing, who, as a tax-payer of the town, provides teachers, school buildings, and supplies, and, as a parent, furnishes that most precious of all materials, the child, with intellect to be developed and character to be moulded, but to whom the interior of his own child's schoolhouse would seem as unfamiliar as that of a Buddhist temple?

Parental co-operation is a necessity. Our teachers, caring for a small army of children, all varying in age, ability, disposition and previous training, are charged with duties and weighted with responsibilities which should appeal to every one in whose care a son or a daughter has ever been placed. They are sincerely grateful for the sympathy and encouragement accorded them, but are they not deserving of much more?

With each recurring annual report the importance of this matter is urged upon the parents. Especial stress was placed upon it in the report for 1894-5. As a result, we have been favored during the past year with visits from twenty parents, of whom three were tax-payers.

SCHOOL WORK FOR 1894-5.

The problem which confronts the superintendent is how to maintain the best schools possible, under existing circumstances, with the means available. It is not enough that the schools shall accomplish remarkable work in some special branch, though it is natural to accent the importance of that branch. They should, if possible, be uniformly good in all particulars.

It is to this work, uniformly good in all branches during the past year, that I would call attention. While no revolutions have been made and no startling innovations attempted, the standard has, in most cases, been appreciably raised, and has deteriorated in none.

In Language more systematic work has been accomplished in all grades, and more attention has been paid to technical

grammar in the higher grades than has heretofore been possible.

In Geography the topical method has been followed exclusively, and pupils have been encouraged to collect and bring to the schoolroom, for temporary or permanent use, articles of interest or curiosities from various countries. The mid-year finds the work somewhat in advance of that of previous years at the same time.

A systematic course in Nature Work, embracing the study of animals, plants in their season, etc., has been begun in all grades. In addition to cultivating the observation and increasing the technical knowledge of the child, this has served, to some extent, as a basis for language work.

The usual progress has been made in arithmetic. An unnecessary amount of labor is entailed upon the teachers, and an undue strain inflicted upon the eyesight of the pupils, by the use of the present text-books in this study. I would recommend the adoption of some more modern series of arithmetics, each book containing a sufficient quantity of examples to obviate the necessity of placing on the blackboards, by the teacher, problems to be solved by the class. The cost of this change, at the present school rates of exchange offered by publishers, would be almost nominal.

The superiority of the "word and sentence" method of teaching reading becomes more strikingly apparent as those instructed exclusively in this manner enter the grammar grades. It is to be hoped that when the last of the pupils trained under the "Do I go up, I do go up, See me go up" system shall have graduated, good readers will have become the rule, instead of the exception in our schools.

In the meantime, our pupils are learning to consider the sentence as the unit of thought, are beginning to read with proper expression and emphasis, and are making free use of our small stock of whole pieces of good literature, as supplementary reading.

I would recommend increasing this stock as soon and as often as our finances will permit.

Vertical penmanship has, with us, passed the experimental stage, and has become a fixture. It has resulted in a most gratifying general improvement in legibility and speed, and in position of the writer.

On Fridays a part of the session in the Grammar School has been devoted to a discussion of current topics. Much interest in domestic and foreign affairs has thus been aroused, and new discoveries and inventions have been discussed. This period has proved one of the most profitable and interesting of the week.

Physical culture has received its proper share of attention. In the absence of gymnasium facilities of course no methodical scheme of exercise, designed to remedy individual deficiencies, can be devised; but healthful, vigorous games in the open air are encouraged, and, at least once during every session, a brief drill in the Ling system of gymnastics is given. The advantages of exercise of this nature are too well known to require discussion or comment.

The improved character of the work due to the establishing of the Grange School and the placing of an assistant in the Adams Grammar School has been especially noticeable. The equivalent of at least a year's instruction has been added to our course by these changes. Although made some time since, it is only within the past year that the full benefit to be derived therefrom has been made manifest.

ATTENDANCE.

A most gratifying improvement has been manifested in the matter of attendance. Millis has always maintained a relatively high rank in this particular, but 1895-6 bids fair to eclipse all previous records in regard to regularity of attendance and freedom from tardiness.

In the Adams Grammar School, for instance, the percentage of attendance for the half year beginning Sept. 1, 1895, is 95 $\frac{3}{4}$, compared to 89 per cent for the previous year, and, while 68 cases of tardiness were recorded during the same period of the former year, the first case during the present year is yet to be noted.

The other schools, while not equaling this record, will yet approximate it. This regularity of attendance is especially valuable as indicating a growing interest in, and appreciation of, the importance of school work.

CHANGE IN SYSTEM OF GRADING.

It is most earnestly to be hoped that some means may be devised to restore the system of grading in force up to Feb. 1 of the present year.

It is as much a physical impossibility for three teachers to do the work of four, as for three men in any other profession to accomplish the work of four.

To dispense with the services of an assistant in the Adams grammar school means that nine grades must be divided among three teachers instead of among four, thus assigning three grades to each room instead of two, as at present arranged in three of our four rooms. This will inevitably overburden both the grammar and the primary teacher, and, by dissipating his strength in a multiplicity of recitations, will soon neutralize the good which the concentrated effort of the last three years has accomplished.

Imposing a third class upon the teacher of two grades not only decreases his efficiency by dividing his time and strength in three parts instead of two, but still further impairs that efficiency by rendering hurried, superficial work in all grades a necessity. No teacher, in the fifteen minutes thus allowed each recitation, can do work which is satisfactory to himself, or which should be satisfactory to the parents of his pupils.

Moreover, the increased membership which will be given the Primary School by releasing the Grammar School assistant will at once tax to the utmost the capacity of the Grange building. With the increase in numbers which spring always brings to this grade, its membership can hardly fail to equal or exceed fifty. When this membership, for which the accommodations are entirely inadequate, is attained, the statute requiring the employing of an assistant will become operative. We shall thus have disturbed our whole school system; dis-

gusted and discouraged the members of two entire classes by remanding them to the rooms from which they were promoted eight months ago; discharged an assistant from the Grammar School in the winter, simply to hire another for the Primary School in the spring; and all for a net saving of perhaps \$75.

Economy is necessary, we know, but is such action as this true economy? Is there any other department of town affairs which surpasses this, either in importance or in the returns yielded? With our average amount expended per pupil falling seventeen per cent below the average for the state, and with Millis ranking nineteen in the list of twenty-seven Norfolk Co. towns, on the same basis, in 1894-5, the year of our largest appropriation for educational purposes, the tax-payers may rest assured that no money has been wasted, and that none will be wasted. Can we not retrench in some other direction, and maintain our position in this particular?

"Economy is not parsimony; it is, rather, a wise and judicious expenditure."

To keep the schools on their present excellent footing will require an appropriation equal to that of 1894-5. Poorer schools can be had for less money, but do our citizens wish for poorer schools?

CRITICISM.

Intelligent criticism is both interesting and instructive, and is always welcome, but indiscriminate railing, by men ignorant of their subject, is useless and harmful.

That the vast majority of Massachusetts citizens believe in education and in modern methods and aims in teaching is apparent from the fact that the Commonwealth has always led the van in educational progress, and continues to lead today. Of course there are pessimists who believe that steam is an abomination, and electricity an invention of the evil one; but, as a whole, the world does move. We would not willingly go back to the weekly mail, the flintlock musket, and the spinning wheel, though each was excellent in its day, and then seemed almost perfect. Of course the grass is never

quite so green, the rivers never quite so wide, and the mountains never quite so lofty now, as they were when we were young. Still, is it not possible that a part, at least, of the change is in us? Shall we not boast a little less of "the good old times," and encourage our children to believe that there may be some good in modern ideas, modern methods, and modern schools?

"It is a fact that the children in Massachusetts get nearly twice as much education as the average for the nation, and her people earn, on the average, seventy-three cents a day for every man, woman, and child, while the average for the Union is but forty cents. This is upon the authority of Dr. W. T. Harris, the United States Commissioner of Education.

"Does education pay?"

CONSOLIDATION AND TRANSPORTATION.

During the past term the Daniell school has been closed, and the pupils furnished transportation to the schools at the centre. This has brought before us, in concrete form, the problem which has aroused so much discussion in many Massachusetts towns, viz: Shall small outlying schools be discontinued, and, if so, to what extent shall the town furnish transportation for the pupils to the graded schools?

There is a very strong tendency on the part of intelligent and progressive communities toward closing schools of the kind mentioned. The amount of money expended by the towns in the state, under the provisions of the statute of 1869, for transportation of children to school, has increased from \$22,118.38 in 1889, to \$63,617.68 in 1894. The average annual increase will undoubtedly swell the figures for 1895 to \$75,000. The expenditure for this purpose increased in 1894, in Barnstable Co. over 13 per cent, in Middlesex Co. over 30 per cent, and in the state over 25 per cent.

These figures prove conclusively that the ultimate policy of most Massachusetts towns will be to consolidate their schools and to furnish transportation.

The only question open is, what plan of conveyance shall be followed?

Three plans are now in operation in the state :—

(1) Conveyance by carriage from some central point in the district ;—from the discontinued school, perhaps ;—to the graded schools

(2) Conveyance by carriage, which traverses the principal road, or roads, of the district ; children walking from the side streets to meet the carriage.

(3) Conveyance by carriage from the door of each home.

Of these plans the first is open to objection on account of the necessary exposure of the children in inclement weather ; and the third, though in some respects most desirable, is rendered unfeasible by the expense incurred. Moreover, people who choose to live in localities remote from town and from the main thoroughfares are presumed to have so chosen with a knowledge of the disadvantages incident to such choice. They cannot expect to enjoy, except in a limited degree, the benefits of the town sewers, lights, and fire department. Why, then, should the town schools stand on a different footing ?

On the other hand, a man living on a cross road, or back street, enjoys certain compensating advantages. If he owns his home, he pays a much smaller tax on an acre than does his townsman in the village on a quarter that amount of land. If he hires a house, he pays but a fraction of the amount that the villager must spend for rent.

Under these circumstances it must frequently happen that the cost to the town of transporting the children of a family from their own door to the village school would exceed the entire amount paid by the family in taxes to the town. This would be neither just nor equitable. No man should demand at once the exemptions of an inhabitant of the remote district and the privileges of an inhabitant of the village. He should be willing either to pay a part of the cost of transportation, if conveyance is furnished from his door, or he should permit his children to meet the carriage at the nearest point on the main road, if he is not required thus to contribute.

For these, and other reasons, the second plan, that of having the carriage traverse the principal thoroughfares only,

seems, in most cases, preferable, and has been adopted in a great majority of towns.

This is the plan adopted by the committee in Millis. When thoroughly understood, it would seem that no reasonable objection to it can be urged.

CONCLUSION.

Before closing this report I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to the committee, teachers, and pupils for the uniform sympathy and assistance rendered by them, without which whatever measure of success in our work has been secured, would have been unattainable.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. TENNEY,
Superintendent of Schools.



SCHOOL SPECIALTIES.

[School year—36 weeks.]

The Adams School.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

ENROLMENT, 53 PUPILS.

D. H. WHIPPLE, *Principal.*

BLANCHE W. TRUFANT, *Assistant.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

WINTER TERM.—Emma F. Cook, George B. Holland, Ernest B. Fisher, Thomas W. McDonough.

SPRING TERM.—Emma F. Cook, George B. Holland, Carroll A. Farwell.

FALL TERM.—Edith E. Andrews, Mary E. Cassidy, Carrie F. Howe, Edward E. Adams, William J. Gardiner, George B. Holland, Alva L. Richardson, Frederick W. Young, Carroll A. Farwell, Fred B. Roach, Charles P. Dinneen, Harry F. Holbrook, Clarence E. Hood, Clifford E. Hood.

Graduated, June, 1895.—Jennie A. Gannon, Katherine Hughes, Annie F. Ryan, Jennie F. Shea, Lyman A. Cook, Thomas E. Dinneen, Robert O. Gardiner, Timothy J. McCarthy, Howard A. Snow.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

ENROLMENT, 39 PUPILS.

MISS LILLABEL FOX, *Teacher.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

WINTER TERM.—Florence Frink, Harry Holbrook, James LaCroix.

SPRING TERM.—Darinda Cherry, Clarence Hood, Clifford Hood.

FALL TERM.—Charlie Brackett

The Grange School.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

ENROLMENT, 40 PUPILS.

MISS S. O. NEWHOUSE,
MISS NORA CRAGIN,
MISS A. M. G. NEWMAN, } *Teachers.*

The Ellice School.

PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE GRADES. ENROLMENT, 36 PUPILS.

MISS RUBELLE MILLS, *Teacher.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

Edith Clark, Joseph Maguire, Cyrus Sawyer.

The Daniell School.

PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE GRADES. ENROLMENT, 16 PUPILS.

MISS BESSIE F. CLARK, *Teacher.*

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.
Adams grammar school	35.53	33.44	94.12
Adams intermediate school	32.98	30.75	93.23
Grange primary school	27.94	25.77	88.20
Ellice school	30.70	27.87	90.70
Daniell school	13.90	11.05	79.

The Medway High School.

ENROLMENT FOR MILLIS, 15 PUPILS. SCHOOL YEAR, 40 WEEKS.

W. C. SMALLEY,
W. B. WATERMAN, } *Principals.*

MISS EDNA M. GRANT, *Assistant.*

LIST OF PUPILS.

Class of 1896.

Fred Bullard,

Klary Schwartz.

Class of 1897.

Ethel Fisher.

*Class of 1898.*Ada Jocoy,
Arthur Ware,Chester LaCroix,
Annie M. Gardiner.*Class of 1899.*Jennie A. Gannon,
Katharine Hughes,
Annie F. Ryan,
Jennie F. Shea,Robert O. Gardiner,
Lyman A. Cook,
Howard A. Snow,
Thomas E. Dinneen.

LIST OF GRADUATES FROM MILLIS.

Class of 1883.

Arthur H. Daniels,

Caroline C. Jameson,

Mary G. Russell.

*Class of 1884.*Mary E. Bickford,
Henry F. Spencer,Ellen M. Jones,
Minnie L. Swarman,

Mary W. Walker.

Class of 1885.

Charles H. Daniels,

Etta S. Stevens,

Florence I. Stewart.

Class of 1886.

Amy J. Clark,

Mary A. Clark.

Class of 1887.

Henry T. Richardson.

Class of 1888.

Elsie L. Clark,

Edith M. Richardson.

Class of 1889.

George K. Fisher.

Class of 1890.

Cora M. Daniels.

Class of 1892.

Charles Hollander,

Eloise Holland,

Blanche W. Trufant.

Class of 1893.

F. Irving Howe,

Clarence H. Jones.

Class of 1894.

Hannah B. Ware.

Class of 1895.

Bessie F. Watson,

Ralph Watson.

Whole Number, 26.

IN THE HIGHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Clarence H. Jones, Boston University, Mass.

Lois B. LaCroix, New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass.

Hannah B. Ware, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass.



REPORT OF THE
TRUSTEES

THE board would say that the general condition of the library is excellent, and it gives us much pleasure to report that the appearance of the books reflects with credit on the citizens who are in the habit of taking them out. It was decided after some question at the opening of the library to leave the books uncovered, and now after ten years we think the result fully justifies our action. With the exception of an occasional turning down of dog-ears for marks and now and then a marked sentence, the treatment has been excellent. The new catalogue, after some considerable delay that seemed unavoidable, was received in the summer, and has been obtainable of the librarian at all times since at twenty-five cents, which is a little below the cost. The catalogue will be found on examination to be very complete, enabling almost any one to find any particular article or essay contained in any of the volumes; and for the great care and labor taken the town is indebted to the Rev. Mr. Wheelock, without whom we should have been obliged to employ a competent expert from out of town at a serious expense. We are also much indebted to Mr. Whipple for much time and labor cheerfully given.

We were sorry to receive the resignation of Mrs. E. F.

Lovell as librarian on July 1, a place she had faithfully and continuously filled for ten years. At a meeting of the board Miss LaCroix was elected to fill the vacancy, but as she soon left town, Miss Bessie Clark was selected to fill the vacancy; but as changes seemed to come fast the position fell into the hands of Mrs. Clarence Thorne, partly through the action of an official not a member of the board; but as one of our members was a party to the affair we acquiesced with pleasure.

We have received and put up the cases mentioned in the last report as contracted for. We have re-bound quite a number of the books and the magazines up to date.

We have an order with Estes & Lauriat for a copy of that valuable book "Battles and Leaders in the Civil War" (4 large vols.,) provided one could be had at a reduction from the regular price, viz., \$25. After two years we were fortunate enough last spring to get a copy in fine order for \$13.50. In all there have been added to the library in '95 with the magazines and books purchased and some received from the state, about 50 volumes.

Regarding the library as the trustees do, as only second to the schools, they will add in closing that it is their hope that the town will continue not only the same but an increased interest, especially in some of the more valuable books.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. CRANE,

For the Board.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1894	\$281 91
Town appropriation	50 00
Proceeds of dog tax	141 90
Subscription to Outlook	2 50
	\$476 31

EXPENDITURES.

The Pilot (Boston)	\$5 20
Miss M. Grace Russell, services	1 50
Estes & Lauriat	113 97
Library Bureau, supplies	16 80
Mrs. H. J. Lovell, salary	25 00
Timothy Worth, book-case	30 00
A. H. Warren & Co., binding	21 60
G. M. Billings, catalogue	149 10
G. M. Billings, printing	5 25
E. F. Lovell, labor	3 10
H. D. Noyes & Co., magazines	26 50
J. S. Folsom, supplies	50
Rev. A. H. Wheelock, expenses	2 48
John M. Crane, expenses	1 50
Express	1 15
Betsey C. Thorne, salary	24 23
Lois B. LaCroix, salary	6 00
	\$433 88
Receipts	\$476 31
Expenditures	433 88
	\$42 43

There are two or three bills which have not been approved which I have not paid, which will use up this balance.

OSGOOD T. DEAN,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

To the Citizens of the Town of Millis:—

WE report the following :—

"It was voted that the town of Millis, for the purposes of paying the costs of the purchase of the franchise, corporate property, and all the rights and privileges of the Millis Water Co., and the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred or which may be incurred under the provisions of Chapter 246 of the Acts of the year 1892, issue its bonds, notes, or scrip to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000). Said bonds, notes, or scrip shall bear on their face the words, "Millis Water Loan," shall be payable at the expiration of periods not exceeding thirty (30) years from the date of passage of this vote, shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum, and shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the board of water commissioners of this town. Said board of water commissioners shall have full discretion in the matter of determining whether bonds, notes, or scrip shall be issued, and the rate of interest not exceeding four per cent, as in their judgment the best interests of the town demand."

In accordance with the above vote it was found best to issue \$30,000 in one thousand-dollar bonds, payable in 30 years at 4 per cent interest. The bonds commenced bearing interest Jan. 1, 1895, and were made payable with interest at the State St. Safe Deposit & Trust Co. They were sold at a premium of 104, and amounted with premium and accrued interest to \$31,672.33. The temporary loan of \$29,000 was paid, \$1,200 was retained for the first year's interest, \$1,489.61 was put on deposit, and in accordance with instructions from the town \$650 was deposited as a sinking fund.

As was stated in last year's report considerable money was needed for necessary repairs. The pumping station had practically nothing expended on it previous to its purchase by the town since it had been placed in operation some five years ago, and consequently needed a thorough overhauling.

This has been done, and new parts placed where needed. The smoke-stack has also had to be replaced with a new one, and some money has been expended in putting in shut-off boxes. There are many services in town that are still connected with the street main without an outside shut-off, which at times is a necessary essential, and it will be the policy of your commissioners to place these shut-offs as the efficient working of the water department requires it. The above expenses, with that of placing the bonds, amounted to about \$300.

During the year there have been four new water services connected, making a total of 139, and at the present time there are 35 of these not in use.

O. T. Dean was chosen water register, and the water bills were made payable at his office. The water was shut off during the year three times as penalty for non-payment of water tax.

One new hydrant was placed on the corner of Irving and Daniels streets. At this point there is considerable property which was not sufficiently protected from fire by water service. The efficiency of the hydrants for fire service was admirably illustrated this year by the fire at Mr. C. B. Russ' place, and their use at that time was no doubt the saving of a large amount of property from destruction. It would be well for us to remember that a few such examples might save enough property to amount to the entire cost of the water plant.

The water department has two hydrants not in use, and your commissioners would recommend the expenditure of \$1000 which is now on deposit in the extension of the water service, on Exchange street from a place opposite the parsonage where the large main ends, to Union street.

There is valuable property in that locality which should be

protected by hydrants, and in the near future it would be wise to connect from that point to the large main on Irving street, thus having a complete circuit. A breakage in one of the mains would not then necessarily stop connection with the stand-pipe.

In looking over the water register's account you will notice a balance of \$285.29 from the earnings of the year after payment of all expenses covering the same time. To show the true earnings of the water department it is but fair to add \$300, which was paid this year for unusual expenses, and in allowing for the hydrants the same as has been paid by the town for their use heretofore.

15 hydrants one year at \$50	.	.	\$750 00
1 hydrant six months	.	.	\$ 25 00
		————	\$775 00

would make a true balance to the credit of the water department of \$1,360.29. The services not in use during the year would amount to an income of about \$400.

Advantage was taken of the coal market some time ago and a large quantity was put in at an unusually low price. There is enough coal on hand to last until May 1, having a present value of \$150.

There was considerable controversy on the part of some of the town officers due to the charge by the water department for the use of the water by the town in its various departments. In view of that fact, and that the town refused to make any appropriations for hydrant service, your commissioners would recommend that the town appropriate the sum of \$1,200 for the use of the water for the ensuing year, the said sum to be used in payment of the interest on the bonds, \$600 coming due on June 1 and \$600 on Jan. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. EMERSON,
THOMAS HARDING,
EVAN F. RICHARDSON,

Water Commissioners.

Millis, Feb. 1, '96.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. WATER DEPARTMENT.

OSGOOD T. DEAN, Water Register, In account with the Town
OF MILLIS for the year ending January 31, 1896.

Dr.	
Balance Feb. 12, 1895	\$379 01
M. A. Ware	9 00
J. B. Daniels	8 00
Charles LaCroix	50 00
Horace M. Cushman	14 00
Thomas McMahan	8 00
William Mannix	8 00
E. L. Holbrook	7 33
Thomas Harding	31 40
A. L. Ware	8 00
Mrs. A. Weisbrod	8 00
Mrs. E. A. Hill	8 00
G. K. Fisher	8 00
G. R. Hill	17 00
G. F. Holbrook	8 00
Mrs. Albert Babcock	17 00
Adams schoolhouse	7 50
Edward T. Dean	3 50
T. C. Hollander	8 50
J. C. Thorne	30 40
R. P. Ross	8 00
Engine house	9 00
Merrill & Weeks	14 00
George P. Woodman	22 00
Wesley W. Whiting	17 00
New England railroad	18 75
Mrs. Amos Whitney	14 00
C. B. Russ	12 00
Grange Hall	8 00
Rev. A. H. Wheelock	17 00
J. S. Folsom	13 00
Mrs. Louisa S. Fisher	10 00
Mrs. S. P. Richardson	12 00
Mrs. H. E. VanKleeck	8 00
W. H. Thorne	24 00
D. Murphy	6 00
J. W. Hudson	1 00

Amount carried forward,

\$852 39

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$852 39
W. H. Trowbridge	4 00
E. E. Murray	13 00
Mrs. Davis	2 00
Henry E. Hosmer	21 00
Mrs. A. Richardson	8 00
Mrs. H. S. Roach	12 00
W. D. Rowell	17 00
Mrs. Jennie Wright	17 00
I. A. Browne	13 00
Frank Herman & Co.	100 00
Mrs. F. C. Appleyard	13 83
A. L. Hollander	19 00
F. H. Williams	16 00
W. S. Mitchell	27 00
Moses Richardson	7 50
Evan F. Richardson	26 50
E. J. Stewart	24 00
Estate of Harriet P. Millis	121 00
G. N. Lavender	33 00
O. T. Dean	19 00
Thomas Lavender	8 00
Clicquot Club Ginger Ale & Extract Co.	11 25
Steel Edge Stamping & Retinning Co.	5 00
Oak Grove Farm	29 42
George G. Hoff	14 00
Mrs. Moses Richardson	6 67
Robins Richardson	10 00
Water Fountains	20 00
Mrs. Sarah B. Herrick	8 50
John F. Clark	7 17
Central Stamping Co.	58 33
C. G. Brackett	9 50
Abner Chute	3 00
Wm. McCracken	7 00
Estate of H. P. Millis, repairs at East Millis	9 70
Clarence Dorr & Co.	29,000 00
E. H. Gay & Co.	31,672 33
Receivers of Millis Co.	249 00
Interest at Boston S. D. & T. Co	8 00
Total receipts	\$62,503 09

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J. S. Adams, salary	\$ 532 50
Deane Steam Pump Co., supplies	54 89
John McDonough, labor	4 50
Frank Springer, labor	4 50
J. C. Thorne, coal	500 58
Edward LaCroix, repairs and labor	280 75
T. Burgoyne, labor	1 50
Harry Goss	2 00
Millis Water Co., paid for plant	28,000 00
Interest on loan	262 72
Clarence Dorr & Co., loan	29,000 00
Interest on bonds	1 200 00
M. Cote, labor	6 65
Fred H. Williams, legal services	100 00
C. G. Brackett, printing	9 60
W. P. Miller & Co. oil	5 00
E. F. Richardson, service as water register from Jan. 1 to April 1, 1895	12 50
E. F. Richardson, services and expenses	40 00
" " labor and supplies	2 75
Waite, Williams & Co., oil	6 50
O. T. Dean, services	37 50
Office expenses, postage, express, etc	12 65
Sinking fund	650 00
J. S. Folsom	1 10
Total expenditures	\$60,728 19

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts	\$62,503 09
Expenditures	60,728 19
Balance	\$1,774 90
In Medway Savings Bank	\$1,000 00
In Millis Savings Bank	659 61
Cash on hand	115 29
	\$1,774 90

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